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ABOUT THE COVER: These are only a few of the swordfish that were brought into the Star Island Yacht Club on the 4th of July weekend last year. 8 swordfish were taken on Saturday and 1 was taken on Sunday. The fish ranged from 160 to 480 pounds. Photo courtesy of Star Island Yacht Club.

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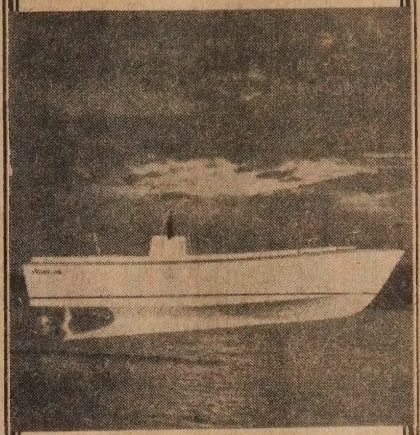

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19th L.I. BOAT SHOW SALIS INTO COLISEUM

The 19th Annual Long Island Boat Show, in full nautical dress to commemorate the nation's bi-centennial, will sail into the Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale for a nine-day tour Feb. 14th through Feb. 22, it was announced.

The show, with more than 250 power boats and sailing craft on exhibit, traditionally drydocked at the Nassau Coliseum two weeks after the close of the National Boat Show in New York. But this year, the Long island exhibit was delayed an extra week to allow the show's dates to fall on the legal holiday of George Washington (Feb. 16th) and the actual birth date of the Father of our Country Feb. 22nd said show director Eadie Van Nostrand.

Among the special exhibits at the show this year will be large scale replicas of ships of the Continental Navy which distinguised themselves during te early years of the U.S Revolution. The replicas, 10-feet and 40-feet in length, will be provided by the U.S. Navy.

For the pleasure boater there will be craft ranging from yachts to dinghies an sloops to sailing rafts on display. Many of the boats, including a new 26-foot sport fisherman from Pacemaker, will be on exhibit for the first time in the metropolitan area.

Sailing craft, which have become increasingly popular on Long Island, will occupy nearly a third of the 65,000 square feet of floor space at the coliseum and include one-man racing catamarans and luxury yachts 30-feet and beyond.

Boating accessories, all water sports equipment as well as a large display of inboard and outboard marine engines will be on hand.

MIAMI BEACH BOAT SHOW

The 1976 Miami International Boat Show, Feb. 20th through the 25 at the Miami Beach Convention Center is completely sold out.

John Rogers, MIBS executive manager, said that there is no exhibitor space left, either inside the convention center or in the outdoor area in front of the complex.

The 35th edition of the MIBS will encompass approximately 500,000 sq. feet and feature $60 million worth of boats, engines, and marine accessories displayed by 550 international and national exhibitors.

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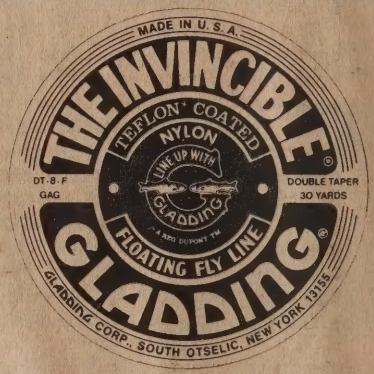

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EDITORIAL

Underwater Leasing For Aquaculture

We have been advocating marine aquaculture for quite some time. There exist few, but yet successful for the most part, experiments in marine aquaculture. Several outstanding examples come to mind. Oyster farming right here on Long Island is an excellent example of how a troubled industry can be enhanced through the application of technology and a lot of hard work. A second example may impress even more.

A colleague from the City University, Dr. Oswald Roels, began an aquaculture experiment in St. Croix several years back. He pulled "food" rich waters from the depths around the island to the surface and used this to grow a variety of algae. The algae were used to feed a variety of shellfish. In addition to several side effects like extra power and fresh water for the people of the island the aquaculture experiment was refined to the point where it can produce over 500 tons of shellfish meat per year. Let me remind you that shellfish meat means that the shells were not counted in the weighing!

I have always believed that we have many excellent opportunities for aquaculture on Long Island. Although our waters are known for their high productivity of shell fish and finfish, there are nonetheless areas of bottom that are not highly productive but could be if technology was allowed to manipulate these sectors. Hot water effulents from powerplants could be used to grow shellfish and raise important food fish with the help of a 365 day year growing season thanks to the hot water. Then too certain portions of the bottom of the sound which are currently unproductive could be "fertilized" and tended to produce shellfish.

The New York State D.E.C. has proposed just that and has met with opposition from the baymen. The baymen admit that there are unproductive pieces of bottom, but want the right to harvest in these areas in case they should someday become productive. This is unlikely.

We at The Fisherman support the efforts of our Department of Environmental Conservation to encourage marine aquaculture. The underwater leasing approach seems to be an excellent beginning. Thus industry could implement and experiment with growing technologists and the D.E.C. could monitor their efforts and evaluate both the progress of their approaches and relative degrees of success. The success of marine aquaculture may be an important part of the future economic, recreational, and social stability of Long Island.

We encourage Long Island Baymen to think this thing through clearly. Although techniques of aquaculture are presently complex and expensive, tomorrow they may be the tools of our baymen so that we may have a continouos supply of Long Island's famous and delicious seafood.

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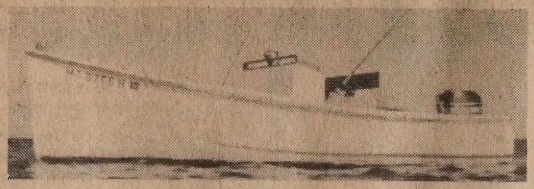

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Florida—1; Louisiana—2; Maine—309 Massachusetts—1979; New Hampshire 25; New Jersey—9; New York—27; and Rhode Island—6.

The sport fishery for bluefin off the coasts of New Jersey and New York was surveyed in detail for the first time in 1975. Port samplers were stationed at major bluefin fishing areas from Montauk, Long Island to Capt May, New Jersey. Data were also received from cooperating sport fishermen, marina operators, and charter and party boat captains who replied to telephone and postal card surveys. Preliminary estimates place the 1975 catch of bluefin by sportsmen along the mid-Atlantic coast of the U.S. at about 17,000 fish (121.7 metric tons). Estimates of last year's catch, based on interviews made this year, are about 45,000 fish. Breakdowns of New York and New Jersey's catches by month and by size group are shown in Tables 2,3,4, and 5.

NEW YORK SHOW BOLSTERS BOAT BUSINESS

New York, NY, Jan 24th—The boating business got off to a blistering start for 1976 with the 66th running of the National Boat Show here in New York, A show that set an all-time high in reported sales and posted a five-year high in attendance.

For an industry that was coming out of a "soft" sales year in 1975, the show sales of an estimated $71.2 million were good news. Exhibitors on all four floors of the New York Coliseum were elated over the size and quality of the crowds during the nine-day run which ended January 18th, but were even more pleased with the buying mood of the public. Many of the boat manufacturers told the show's producers, the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, that they were sold out into the summer months. Accessory manufacturers also were pleased with the response from the public.

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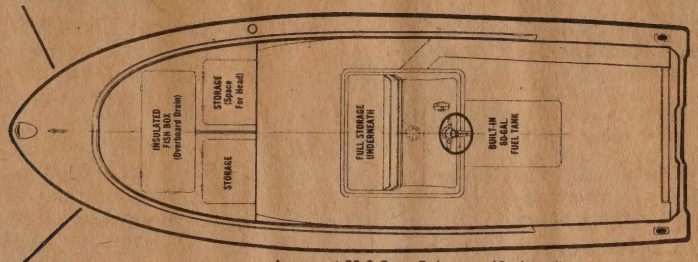

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the exposition, reported the following breakdown of total orders reported by exhibitors: boats, $54.5 million; engines, $10.5 million; and marine accessories and services, $6.2 million. "It was obvious from the day we opened that sales would be strong and steady," Scalpone said. "This show has been a shot in the arm for the industry, because it is a barometer of what the year ahead will be like. Our exhibitors are full of optimism because of the public enthusiasm and buying activity they encountered at the show."

YOUNG BOATMAN'S COURSE OFFERED

A 4 lesson course for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 15 will be given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Glen Cove High School starting Wednesday evening, February 18th at 8 PM. Those who complete the course will be issued the New York State Boating Safety Certificate which enables them to operate a motorboat on the State's waterways.

The Young Boatman's Course is free to all boys and girls who are interested in either sail or powerboating. For further information call Flotilla 12-3 Commander Vincent Prisco at MA 1-7254 or Vice Commander Arthur Leuck at OR 1-8287.

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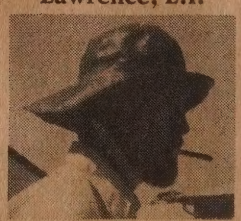

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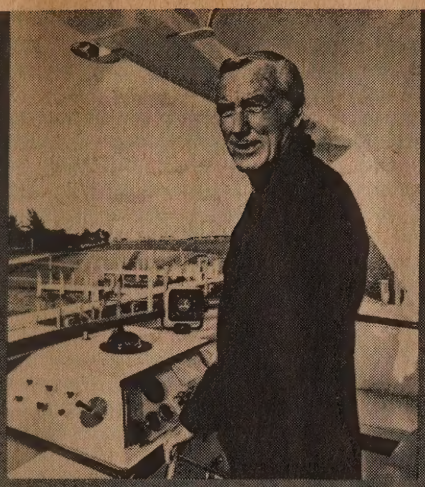

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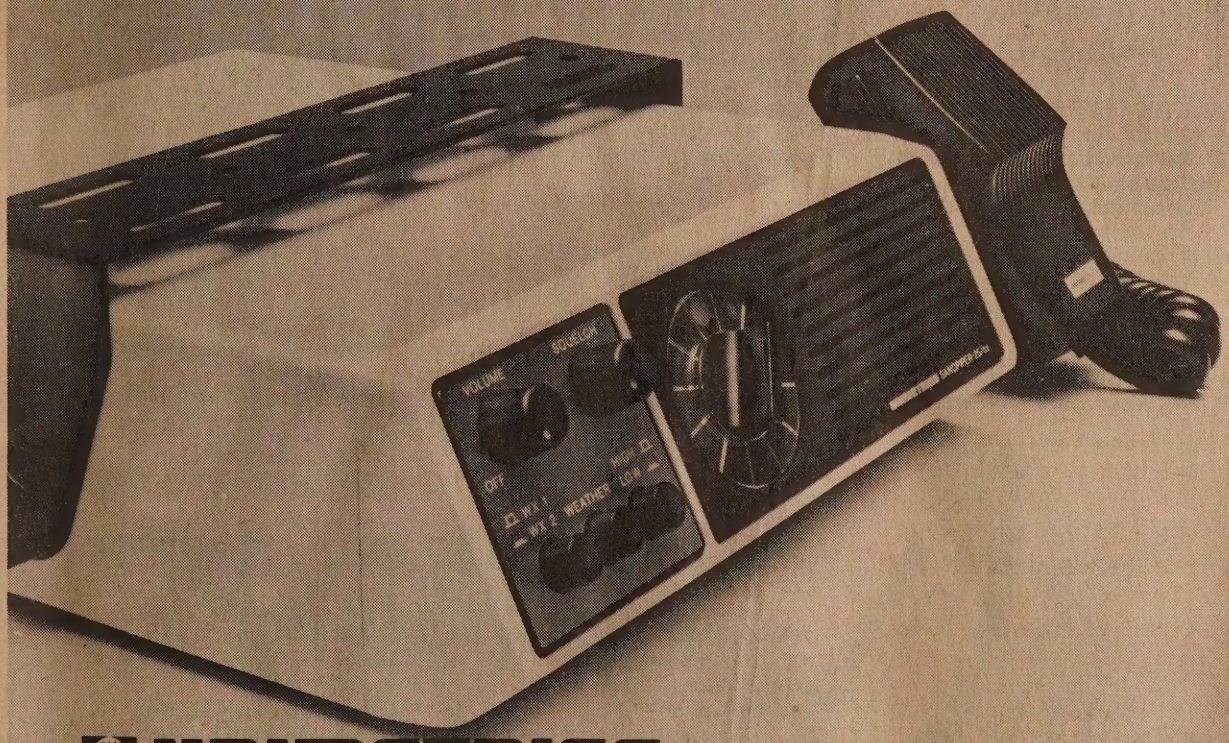

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CLUB NEWS

SQUAW ISLAND FISHING CLUB

On behalf of the Squaw Island Fishing Club, we wish to thank the Long Island Fisherman for making available programs of interest to fishermen.

Dr. William A. Muller presented his film and spoke on "Salt Marshes" at our January 12th meeting. The presentation was very interesting and informative, with Dr. Muller doing a fine job. Please express our thanks to Doc and all the crew at The Fisherman. **Joe Koestne, Corresponding Secretary.**

CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Kappler's Fishing Club books are now open for new membership. They meet once a month, the second Wednesday for meetings. The meetings are held at Kappler's 80 Division Street in Patchogue, at 8:00 PM. For further information please call Len Dreste at 273-7611, Joe Tschuschke at 234-0918 or Carmine Graziano at 234-1909.

ATLANTIC ANGLERS ELECT 1976 OFFICERS

The Atlantic Anglers of Massapequa started the bicentennial year of 1976 with election of officers on January 7th, 1976. Those members elected were: Joe Vitale, President, Brad Baker for Vice President, Don Clifton for Treasurer and Jim Wlaters for recording secretary.

Committies: Charter, Dan Viafore, Bay, Ron Sup, Education, Jim Nolan, Tournament, Dr. Harold Jarow, Membership, Jim Walters, Publicity, Brad Baker and Good and Welfare, John MOnteforte.

New members welcome. The Atlantic Anglers is a fishing club open to new members. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 8 PM

The meetings are held at the "Ole Straw Hat", Merrick Road, Amityville. Dues are nominal, fishing is the subject.

Interested fishermen either write or call membership chairman Jim Walters, 458 Broadway, Bethpage NY. Tel. WE 5-3956.

TOURNAMENT ANGLERS DANCE & AWARDS

The Dinner and Dance of the Tournament Anglers will be held at the Manor East on February 28th, 1976 and awards will be given to the following:

Dick Yarkin for his 36 lb. Albacore. Joe Masone for his 191 lb. Blue Shark. Joe Carter for his 22 lbs. 8 oz. Bluefish. Frank Signoriello for his 81 lb. Bluefisn Tuna. Otto Reutter for his 24 lb. 6 oz. Brown Shark. Ray Nettuno for his 24 lb. 6 oz. Bluefin Tuna. Joe Masone for his 36 lb. Codfish. Joe Masone for his 154 lb. 8 oz. Dusky Shark. Artie Nelson for his 113 lb. Hammer Head Shark. Artie Nelson for his 264 lb. Mako Shark. Joe Masone for his 18 lb. Pollack. Julie Federocko for his 9 lbs. 8 oz. Skipjack. Al Griswold for his 36 lb. Tile Fish. Joe Masone for his 536 lb. Tiger Shark. Mark Erdrick for his 48 lbs. 8 oz. White Marlin. Ben Schulman for his 7 lb. 13 oz. Weakfish and Joe Masone for his 61 lb. Yellow fin tuna.

SQUAW ISLAND F.C. OFFICERS AND DANCE

The Squaw Island Fishing Club announced that the 1976 Officers are:

President—Vince Losito; Vice President—George McCarthy; Recording Secretary—Ken Bridwell; Corresponding Secretary—Joe Koestner; Treasurer Rollie Ayasse; Sgt. of Arms—Bob Cunningham and Quartermaster—Bob Bryant.

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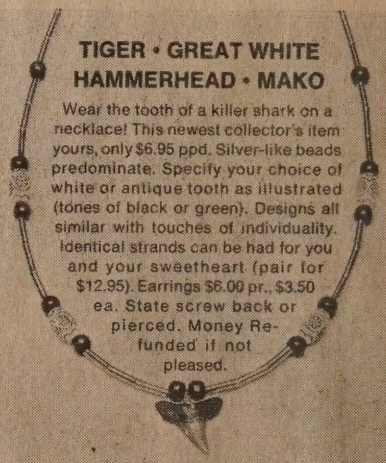
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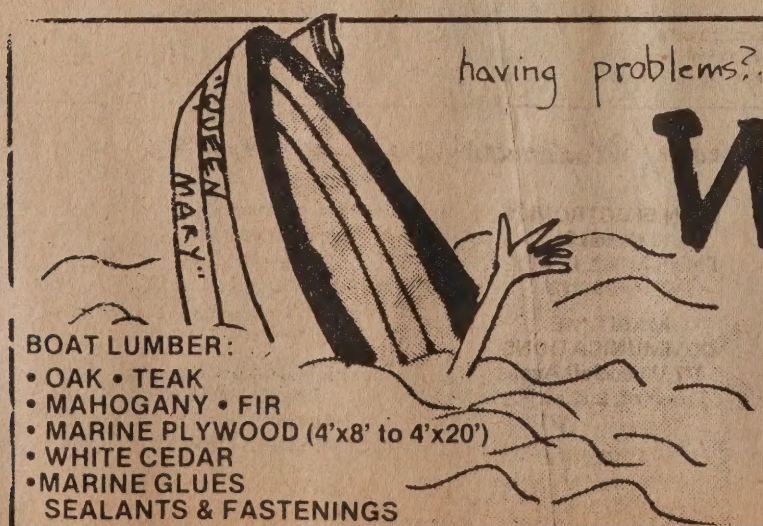

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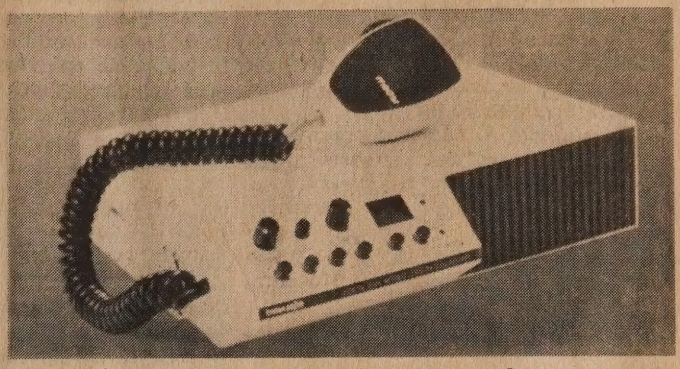

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In cooperation with the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission, a team consisting of Larry Mayer, a Park employee and Paul Sequira, all members of TU, with Glenn's buddy Steve and myself as the interested volunteers, donned waders or hip boots to wade into the December chilled waters of the Nissequogue River State Park to work on a stream restoration and improvement project.

Using materials supplied for the most part by Mother Nature such as fallen trees and limbs, the team constructed a variety of dams and other obstacles in the stream to naturally change the course and volume of water flow within its present confines to create pools, pockets, eddys and bank undercuts at strategic places which would in turn create wonderfully attractive holding waters and hiding places for native and stocked trout.

Long Island flyfishermen are fortunate in that they have three beautiful streams to test their fishing skills without venturing off the Island. Two of these, the Nissequogue River Park (formerly the privately owned Wyandanch Club) in Smithtown, and the Connetquot River Park (formerly the Southside Sportsmens Club) in Oakdale, are State owned and managed. The third stream and perhaps most beautiful of all, is the Carmans River, located within the confines of the Suffolk County Park at Southaven. Both the State Parks have suffered budget cutbacks, and the Southaven Park is too understaffed to provide for adequate stream maintenance.

Unfortunately, through vandalism and careless practice by some users of these parks, the streams can deteriorate, and in some sections they have. In an effort to return the streams and their shorelines to their naturally wild and clean status, TU has taken on a voluntary rescue mission during the off season for freshwater fishing. This is the only time they can get on the stream for this purpose, due to the heavy fishing activity during open season. Over 500 fly fishermen visited Connetquot last season and nearly as many tried their luck on the Nissequogue. That is a lot of fishing pressure and a lot of traffic for two relatively small streams.

BEFORE: A gently flowing brook.

AFTER: An aerated, heavy flowing stretch of water, digging a deep pool for trout.

When the parks close their gates to the fishermen at the end of the season, the members and friends of TU continue to perform their labor of love for their favorite troutstream by participation in these projects. It is a love I assure you, especially those of you who have never spent three or four hours immersed up to your most precious parts in icy cold spring fed streams. It is labor too, for a handful of men from varied employment

fields such as Fly Tier Extraordinaire (that's Glenn Mikkleson of Fireside Anglers), accountants, body and fender repairmen, and of course, writers, to move a fallen tree or parts of it to a place in a stream where it will become a beneficial structure instead of a rotting hulk on the forest floor. Wet and cold and hard, it is a labor of love.

In one section of the Nissequogue, the team came upon a slow moving area where the surface was mirrorlike as it ran it's nearly straight course to a full dam errected by TU their last time out. There the gentle flow of water as it fell over and through the crude but effective dam created a waist deep pool (it was here I learned of a leak in my waders in a most awkward area) where once the stream was less than knee deep just one month earlier. The result is an excellent pool for trout. About fifty yards upstream from this one, we errected a wing dam which would aid in increasing the strength of flow of the water to the first one.

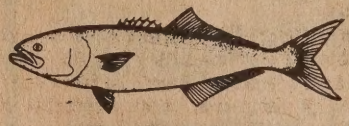
Before the wing dam was started, we could stand in mid-stream with little pressure from the current. After the dam was completed, sort of a broken Y, the resultant pressure caused by forcing the stream to flow first to one side, then back to it's original course was enough to wash the gravel stream bed out from under our feet. Obviously, the current will wash out another pool at this point, and at the same time carry unwanted silt away, providing a clean gravelly spawning area for the native brown trout and holdover brook trout in these streams. A network of dams such as this along the length of the river within the park will remove most of the silt while at the same time giving the trout the swifter moving aerated currents they prefer to sustain themselves and to reproduce their species.

We enjoyed our work, kidding each other about accidental splashes and near slips that would have resulted in a chilly dunking, and we left feeling that we had accomplished something. Some might say that we did this for our own selfish reasons, since we flyfishermen, both expert and novice will hopefully reap the benefits of our work next season. We were eight men of assorted ages working together to leave the stream cleaner (removing the empty beverage containers left by other, less thoughtful people, certainly NOT sportsmen), with improved and more productive areas for the other 492 fishermen who will use the streams next season.

There are other teams of TU members working on the Connetquot and Carmans Rivers, in all, a handful of men dedicated to their sport, and to conversation, performing an unpaid but rewarding task for the benefit of others who will use these streams and the parks they wind their way through. This work is most unselfish. Keeping our rivers clean enhances the beauty of our parks.

To those of you interested in conservation, and you should all be, your parks need your help. The three parks mentioned are the last wilderness areas on Long Island. There are year-round programs in them for all who enjoy the outdoors. If you are enjoying a day in any of our Country's parks, help to keep them clean. Take out what you brought in with you, or find a proper trash receptacle. If you see litter left by other, more thoughtless individuals, pick it up and dispose of it properly. Empty bottles and wrappers aren't heavy, and the bending excercise is good for the waistline. Your cleaner environment will help you stand a little straighter too.

For more information on how to assist on the stream restoration projects with TU, call Dave Brodie, coordinator for the work at Nissequogue Park, at 599-8204; or Henry Prussen, for the Connetquot Park at 485-2811.



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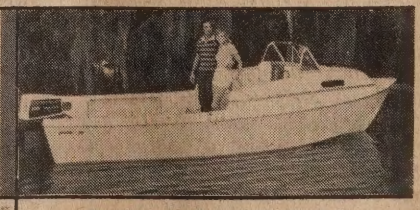

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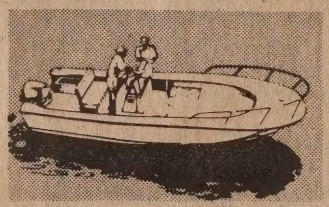

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by Tom Farre

It was time for a cod trip. Encouraged by numerous articles in the LIF, and a dwindling supply of frozen fish at home, my brother and I prepared to go out on a well known Montauk partyboat. Fishing reports said "only fair"; we knew this could mean from fair to miserable, but as hope lives eternal in a fisherman's soul, especially these fishermen, we remained undaunted. After some frantic preparation, an unbelievable early awakening and endless drive out, we arrived at the dock with two friends only a few minutes behind schedule on a chilly, damp December morning.

Knowing from past experience that the boat rarely sails exactly on time, we hadn't been too worried about being left behind, but this time, in a switch, the captain was late. We stood around looking at our watches for quite awhile before he finally arrived, but all was soon forgotten as we pounded our way out through heavy winter seas en route to the Cartwright Grounds. I know at least a few passengers were wishing they had never left their warm, stationary beds.

I seated myself as comfortably as I could in the rolling, dark cabin, drowsily turning over in my mind the idea of codfishing on these boats. I thought of monstrous, gamefish refusing to budge an inch against heavy tackle and straining muscles; the unpredictability of it all, when one minute you were skunked, the next minute bailing in the fish; of winning the pool, or at least trying to; and the strangeness of the varied sea life that is liable to come over the side: the cod, pollack, blackfish, hake, bergalls, sharks, rays, eels, and who knows what else. These and other hazier images occupied me until the slowing of the engines told that we had arrived at the spot.

My brother and I took our positions at the starboard bow. Almost immediately we started catching medium sized cod, blackfish and spiny dogfish, not necessarily in that order. The dogfish, rather nasty creatures, were thick along the bottom. We amused ourselves by trying to guess what we had on the line as we were reeling up; we soon became expert at distinguishing the dogfish by a weak, halfhearted struggle, the blackfish by sharp, vigorous tugging, and the cod by their extreme affinity for the ocean floor. We caught enough cod to keep us attentive and happy, and as our largest fish were close in size to those we saw others catch around the boat, we felt we were in the running for a share of the pool. In short, things were going smoothly; we weren't expecting any surprises.

Then I hooked into something that felt pretty big. It gave about ten hard tugs on the bottom, but when I leaned into the rod, I was able to muscle him toward the surface very slowly. When he was about half way up, he headed down again in a series of short, powerful runs. Line began playing out at an alarming rate, but as I had over two hundred yards of forty pound mono on my 3/0 reel, I thought it would only be a matter of time before I would turn him around. He headed towards the stern, continuing to take line; accompanied by exhortations like "keep his head up!" and "Don't tighten that drag!", I maneuvered over and around about a dozen fishermen and a smokestack. The captain ordered all gaffs to the stern, and, somewhat prematurely, fetched his rifle.

Firmly positioned in a corner spot, I bent back on my long surf stick with everything I had in an effort to stop him, but he remained far too strong. He swam steadily away from the boat until I had less than a hundred feet of line left. Finally, with a powerful burst of speed, something gave; you can imagine my disappointment as I reeled slack line on the end of which was a straightened 7/0 Mustad beak hook. What had I hooked into? Someone suggested a shark, a ray, a world record cod, or my favorite possibility, a halibut.

After that, everything was anticlimactic, although some unusual things happened. Twice I thought I had the pool

fish for sure. After an agonizing battle with a monstrously heavy fish, I brought to gaff one of nature's most startling creatures: the anglerfish, whose huge, gaping mouth contains some of the wickedest looking teeth that anyone could imagine. Later, after fighting a fish that felt like the codfather, himself, I brought up a medium cod and big dogfish doubleheader. Oh well...

As if not to be outdone by these goings-on, a small cat that was aboard took center stage for a few anxious minutes. Like a bat out of hell, he charged out of the cabin, jumped onto the rail, and plunged over the side. Someone tried to scoop him up in a bucket, but he went under in the rough seas. Gone, we thought; but miraculously, he surfaced again, and this time Howie the mate did a nice job of gaffing him just under the fur. Once again on board, he scurried off, apparently none the worse for wear.

Finally, the whistle blew, anchor was hauled, and we headed back to port. We filleted and skinned our catch except for the biggest fish, relaxed a little over a couple of beers, and almost before we knew it, were back at the dock. Although it would have made a good ending to the story, we didn't win anything; the best fish just nosed us out for the $5 pool. Tired but content, we piled into the car for the long drive home. We talked about the excitement of the day, the fish we caught, and....you guessed it, the big one that got away.

An unusual double-header. Photo by S. Kaiden.

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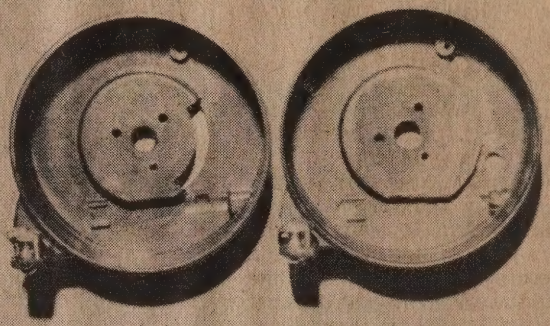

It was a beautiful day for the beach. The rain was being whipped into your face by the 20 MPH northeast wind. The temperature wasn't too bad, in the low 50's, and you were snug as a bug, dressed in rubber from head to foot. A long cast from where you are standing on Jones Reef the gulls were in a frenzy trying to snatch some tidbits missed by the voracious school of blues churning the water below. One quick check of your gear and you hurry to join the half-dozen fishermen on the reef ahead of you. The adrenalin is really starting to flow by now as two rods suddenly arch under the force of a couple strong blues. Out over the slippery rocks you go, as fast as possible, trying not to slip, trip or get knocked down by the sweep of the surf. Before reaching the line of fishermen you try a cast. Too short. Hurriedly you reel in. Out to your waist now. I can reach them from here, you mutter to yourself. You hold your cast until the wave sweeps by and you let fly. Thank God, it's a beauty. Right on target. Two cranks of the reel and you're in.

Nice fish, 10, 11 pounds you judge. The drag is working perfectly, as the fish begins to tire you start working him in. It's then you realize that you have trouble reeling. Hell, the reel is under water. You try holding the rod up so the reel is above the waves but it is too awkward with the strong pull of the fish. Back it goes to a more comfortable position but again you have trouble reeling until you inadvertently give some slack and the fish is gone. Damn! You hurry to make another cast but the fish are gone.

Disbelief is written all over your face as you watch the guy next to you expertly play his fish. All the while his reel is submerged under the water.

Back on the beach you question the others as you admire the strings of teen blues. "How come you did not have any trouble reeling with your reel submerged?" you ask. Which is a long winded way of leading into an article on customizing your reel.

When using the standard Crack 300 underneath you will find that water fills the cup underneath the spool. As the spool is retracted this water must exit someplace. Besides that which is forced into the housing this someplace is back out past the spool. The tolerence is fine so resistence is the result.

The reason for customizing is to provide a rear exit for this water and to protect the inner mechanism of the reel.

The first step is to remove the troublesome bail, which most of you have already done. If not, this is easily accomplished by unscrewing the cam cap and pulling the bail out of it's slot on each end. The wire retainer found near the roller can be left in place or removed. Whatever your pleasure.

For the next process the reel will have to be almost completely dismantled. The cup will have to be separated from the housing in order to be worked on. When you have done this remove the spring and axle found at the base of the cup. Also take out the pick-up lever as these parts are no longer needed. It's too bad we can't sell these parts back to the dealer.

Now take an electric drill fitted with a ¼" bit and drill four holes in the bottom of the cup. These holes are placed, one on each side or at the four compass points. File or sand any rough edges until smooth. Position these holes between the outside edge and the lip at the edge of the recess.

You will now find that you have six holes in the cup, four of which you have just made. It's those other two that are not needed. The hole that was caused by removing the cam cap could be left open, this is a matter of personal preference. The other hole (the crescent shaped one) must be sealed. The reason is that it will allow salt and sand direct access to the very guts of the reel. The bearing if you recall is situated right under this

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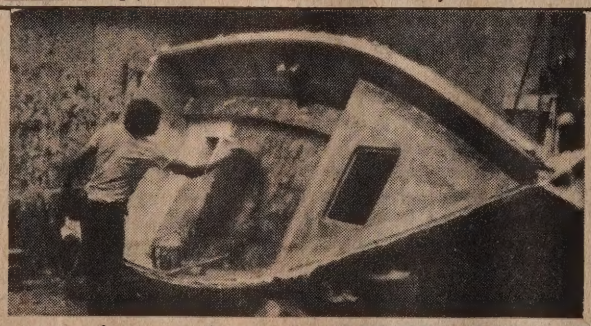

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opening. Even if you purchased a stainless steel bearing from the Surfcaster, Bill Priesberger, you are still asking for trouble if you don't seal this up.

Before you apply any filler to this cup, it must be free of grease. After you wipe away all that is possible with a rag, you will still have an oily film remaining. Use a brush to wash the cup with soap and hot water. Rinse and dry before proceeding.

One method of sealing this gap was described to me by a friend. Don uses Two Ton Epoxy, which is sold in most hardware stores. Scrounge around the house to find a curved object with the same curve as the recess on the back side of the cup. Can't find anything? Get a roll of tape and unwind until it fits. Cover with a piece of aluminum foil and position securely in place so that the epoxy when flowed into the hole does not fall through. If the stopper is not fitted tight against the cup some of the filler will ooze through and will have to be sanded smooth. Otherwise the revolving cup will not seat properly and damage can occur because of this obstruction. If you let this epoxy set awhile until it has more body, you will not have the problem of it running away from where it is wanted.

Another product which I find does a good job of plugging this hole is Marine Tex which can be purchased at marine supply outlets. This product can be used right after mixing for it has a consistency somewhat like putty.

Allow the filler to harden according to the directions on the package. After sanding off any excess on the back recess of the cup, turn over and sand off any excess filler on the raised hub. If you were fairly neat in your application this step will not be necessary because you have some clearance due to the protruding screw heads holding the cup to the housing. You are not replacing the aluminum plate as this would defeat the purpose of drilling the drain holes.

Before packing the reel with grease, assemble and see if it operates smoothly. More sanding or filing may be necessary.

If the filler oozed through on you, sanding could be a problem because it will be in the recess. I bought a small round grindstone which fits into an electric drill and used this to take down the heaviest part. Make sure you buy one without the screw in the end because you will not be able to hold it flat without the screw scoring the cup surface. Finish off the last bit with emery cloth.

You are now ready to do battle with those denizens of the deep, waded out into the suds where that little bit extra enables you to reach the big ones. Now if I could only find a pair of waders that doesn't leak.

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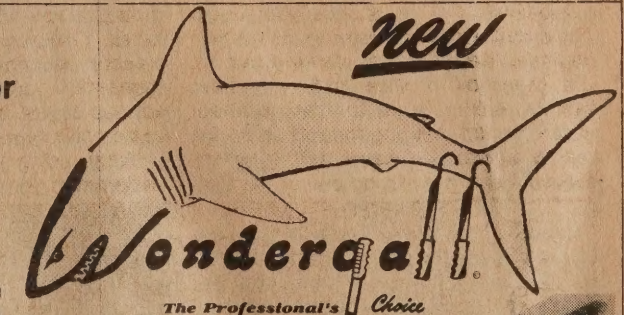

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Fishing Shinnecock Canal

with Matt Ahern

I'm a great guy for starting my fishing day early. In fact, depending upon where I fish, if I can't get some licks in by day-light, I'm likely to stay home.

I've put emphasis on this early morning fishing because that's how to fish Shinnecock Canal. Early! And the earlier, the better.

The often excellent fishing in the Canal attracts many fishermen, so be advised that getting an early start assures elbow room—early-birds seldom need to search for a good fishing spot. Especially is this so during weakfishing time. When weaks are in, casting room is at a premium.

This doesn't mean there are crowds everyday. Many times, I've fished for hours before the next guy arrived. Usually, however, the fisherman can expect company.

It's an ideal spot for the beginner to learn the fishing game. I've fished the Canal a good, long time and I meet some darn-good fishermen; guys who seem always willing to share knowledge and experience. Many of them enjoy taking a novice under the wing, so to speak.

But there's a pit-fall here for the early-morning angler who rushes blindly to the Canal. He may well find the tidal doors open, accompanied with a wildly, rushing tide. But don't worry; I'll tell you later how to avoid this.

Because Shinnecock Canal is the link between Great Peconic Bay to the north and Shinnecock Bay to the south, a great variety of fish await the angler. During their season, all of the many salt water fish found throughout Long Island's inshore waters are caught in the Canal: from stripers to flounders.

This often causes overlapping of some species, making it easy for the fisherman to make a choice. Many times I've caught fluke on bottom, and a few minutes later by changing my rigging, have caught weakfish without difficulty.

For the interested angler, and to make it easy, I'll break down the Canal fishing by months. You might find it worth your while to keep this article handy for ready reference. Then you won't be wondering what's being caught; you'll know.

JANUARY....The weather is the deciding factor this month. If it's been mild for several days, and if the sun is shining on the day you want to fish, flounders can be expected. You won't get many, but what you do manage may well be some of the largest you'll hook all year. Bloodworm, fresh skimmer and soft clam (steamers) are the best bait. Hard clams (chowder size) are okay.

FEBRUARY....The early part of this month is often slow. Better to wait until after Washington's Birthday. Flounder fishing then picks up rapidly. Most fish will be found to be thin, milt-laden males. The same bait as for January produces.

MARCH....This is the month flounder fishing goes into full swing. Still plenty of thin fish, but gradually becoming heavier as St. Patrick's Day approaches. Before month's end, fish show some muscle. Larger fish are then picked up occasionally. Rely more on soft clams and blood and sandworms, rather than skimmer.

APRIL....Still plenty of easily-caught flounders about. Double-headers are now common. Some fish to pound and a half, an occasional two-pounder for lucky anglers. As water becomes warmer, more reliance should be put upon worms. This applies not only to the Canal, but wherever flounders are sought.

Toward the end of this month, a natural change-over occurs. No longer is it necessary to rely on a steady diet of flounder. The vanguards of the great hoards of weakfish are at hand. Early-run fluke prowl the Canal bottom. Even freakish, cold weather doesn't deter these fish now.

When this time arrives, and coinciding with the time the locks are closed, I pick out a mildish night just before month's end and try for my first weakfish of the year. Only once in the past five years have I failed to connect on this first attempt; the fish arrived a week later that year.

Were I to tell you of the amount of weaks I've caught on some of these extra-early nightime ventures, you probably wouldn't believe it. But I will tell you this: Three years ago during one of these early trips, the weaks were so abundant, my son and I stopped fishing and began to experiment. We caught them on bare hooks! See...I said you wouldn't believe me; but I kid you not.

Bare-hook fishing for weakfish isn't recommended, however. What is is a plain chrome or nickel-finish jig head on a 4/0, tipped with a narrow, three-inch strip of squid. This is cast out and slowly retrieved about three feet off the bottom, accompanied with light twitchings of the rod tip.

This method often outfishes the Salty-Dogs and Touts. When the fish settle in about the first week of May, the artificials work best during daylight, but the squid strips still produce plenty of fish at night. Needless to say, all this fishing, day or night, is only done when the locks are closed.

This weakfish run usually lasts until the middle of May and then abruptly dies out, and I find that except for an occasional fish, most of the Canal weakfishing has had it. While there, however, you've got to try awfully hard not to connect.

As for early fluke, I've never failed to nail some in late April. I've also noticed that the throw-backs usually don't put in an appearance until several weeks later. The average fluke is two pounds, with an occasional three-pounder, or more, to keep it interesting. Sometimes when night fishing near the lighted locks, larger then average fluke are caught.

MAY....Flounders still about, but slowing down by mid-month. Fluke are easy pickings during this month. Sea Robins become thicker and pestier, but I get hunk by converting them into fluke bait. It seems there's nothing these Canal fluke like more than a strip of sea robin tail. It's the only bait to use. Use squid to get started, and then switch over to sea robin when you catch one.

An occasional porgy shows for the bottom fisherman using worms. Very few blowfish.

JUNE....Fluke still available, but now

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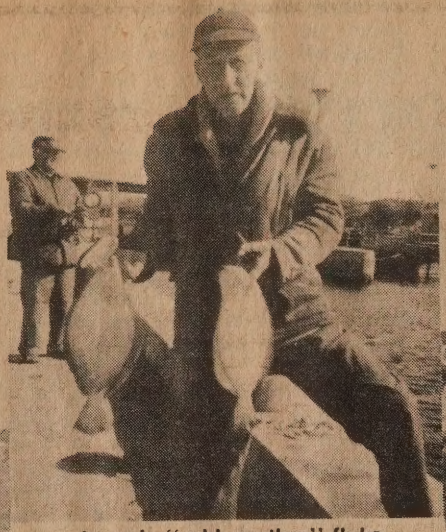
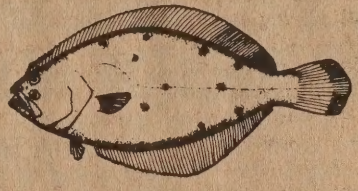


...From spring flounder

...to early "cold-weather" fluke



...and weakfish

...to October blackfish

...to an occasional school striper,

...and fall flounder...Shinnecock Canal is hard to beat!

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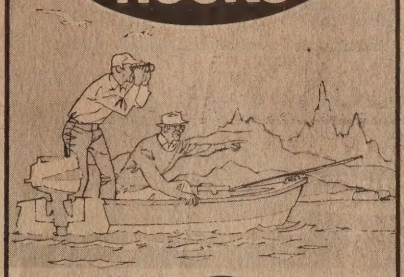

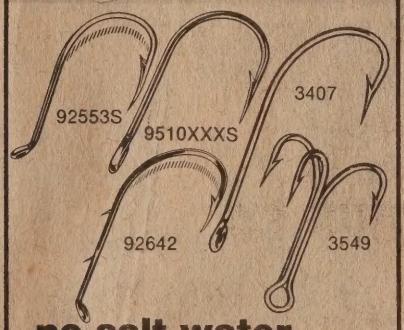

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throw-backs start to show in increasing numbers. But there are still keepers about, but not as many as in May. Occasional kingfish are caught, but nothing like past years. A few big blues around to startle the hell out of the fluke fishermen.

JULY....About the same as June. Small snappers show by the third week.

AUGUST....Snappers are now the big thing. Good size by month's end. Some fluke still about, but gradually diminishing by end of month.

SEPTEMBER....Snappers galore! Use spearing for best results. Small Sidewinders and Kastmasters for the lure fisherman.

OCTOBER....Large snappers until end of first week. Flounders show by mid-month. Lots of small porgies, blowfish, bergalls, etcetera, caught by the bottom fisherman on worm and clam bait. Blackfish begin to show and sharpies that know the Canal well, catch plenty on fiddlers.

NOVEMBER....Blacks and flounders mostly flounders. Blacks leave after first cold spell. Flounders get larger and more plentiful as the days pass. Same baits as early spring.

DECEMBER....Strictly flounders. For the fisherman who can pick his shots, weather wise, there are large fish to be had. Same baits as January.

And there you have it.

Bear in mind that times of arrival and departure of each specie of fish are average, but they seldom vary more than two or three days, one way or the other.

Good flounder fishing is often available at the Peconic Bay entrance to the Canal in mid-May and then again during November and December. May is okay to fish anytime, but the colder months often present a problem when fishing here. There is absolutely no wind protection on the north end, so if you have designs on this part of the Canal, be sure you have a windless day.

Most of the Canal fishing is done on the Shinnecock Bay side of the locks. Good flounder fishing, however, can be had from mid-April to early May within three-hundred feet of the tidal doors on the Peconic side. There seems always to be plenty of fishing room here, but few fishermen think it's worthwhile. It is.

Weakfishing is not good here, but in October some nice stripers are caught by the sharp-shooters fishing at night near the locks when the doors are open and the tide out-going.

Most fishermen who have fished the Canal for any length of time will bear me out when I say this: The most often asked question by the first-timer is: "What time does the guy close the locks?"

There seems to be a popular misconception that the opening and closing of the tidal doors are man induced. But this is not so. It is the flow and force of the in-coming and out-going tides that controls this.

If the fisherman will keep this in mind, it will be unnecessary to make a possible long trip to the Canal only to find the tide rushing through on its way to the ocean via Shinnecock Bay. Actually, except for some lure fishing for snappers in late September and a little striper fishing at night in October, these conditions make fishing a waste of time.

Below is a fool-proof way of knowing when to fish the Canal. The time will seldom vary more than ten minutes, which is of small concern.

Check the tide tables in The Fisherman or your daily newspaper for the day you plan to fish. Then use the Sandy Hook high-water listing and DEDUCT three and one half hours from the reading. This will give you the time the tidal doors CLOSE. ADD two and one half hours to the listing and you'll have the time the doors OPEN.

It's as easy as that!

If on the morning you plan to fish the reading tells you the tidal doors are open, either try it later in the day, or wait until the following week. The doors will be closed then, as there is approximately an hours tidal-advancement each day.

Forget the high-water reading for Shinnecock Canal. It's for boatmen—not fishermen. You'll only cut into your fishing time if you do.

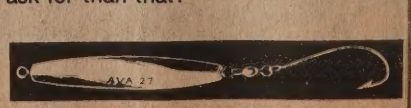
You can fish anytime within those six hours and find the Canal current-free as a pond. These directions are simple enough, but they easily become confusing, therefore the fisherman is advised to make a copy and keep it handy.

I would be doing a poor job of reporting on the Canal fishing if I failed to mention that many places in the Canal are rough on terminal tackle. Many fishermen have told me they lose almost as much tackle flounder fishing here as they do when blackfishing the offshore wrecks. I can believe it, for I've lost my share of terminal rigs, too.

But there are many places where the bottom is free of obstructions, and sometimes I'm lucky enough to find them: I may fish every day for a month before losing so much as a sinker.

If you plan to fish the Canal, be sure to bring extra tackle. You may not need it, but it's nice to have just in case. But don't let me keep you from fishing the Canal. Sometimes I think Shinnecock Canal offers the best shore fishing on Long Island.

There's an awful lot of fishermen who believe as I do and they catch an awful lot of fish. What more can any fisherman ask for than that?



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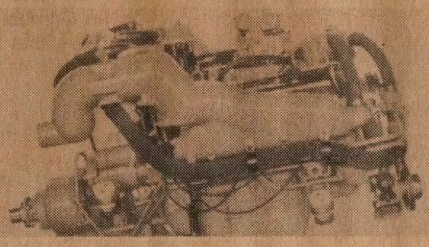

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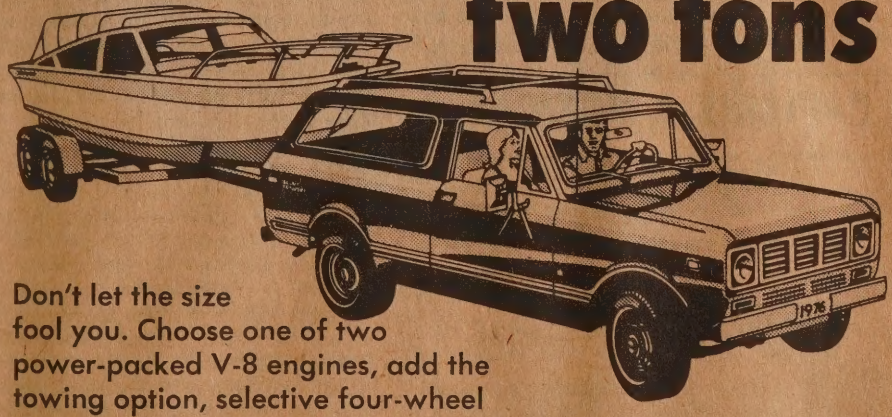

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Quite often in the last year I've received letters and phone calls from fishermen complaining about the service they had received from a mate on a boat. Here are a few representative samples:

Letter #1. "We looked around for the bait buckets, but there were none. When I asked the mate, he told me that there were some clams in the stern. So I went back and sure enough, there they were—still in the shells. Isn't the mate supposed to shuck clams and cut up bait?"

Letter #2. "At the end of a good day I started cleaning my catch on the way back to the dock. The mate spotted me, came over and said 'This is (name of port)—only mates are allowed to clean a customers fish here!' He said if I wanted them cleaned I would have to pay him to do it. Is this true?"

Letter #3. "The mate was fishing all day and wouldn't help anybody. We had to gaff our own fish, get out tangles, etc. by ourselves. Are mates allowed to fish?"

Letter #4. "The mate and a couple of friends were fishing the bow and catching more fish than anybody else., and all the fish were going into one bag. When it came time for the pool, the winning fish came out of this community bag. How do other fishermen know who caught it? Is the mate allowed to enter the pool?

Letter #5. "I caught the largest fish on board, but the mate said I was disqualified because I was using two rods all day. Nobody told me that when they took my money to enter the pool. Is that a legitimate way of running a pool?"

Answers to letters: #1—Yes! #2—Poppycock! #3—Sometimes. #4—No! #5—Yes and No!

The mate who dreamed up the "fish cleaning rule" in letter number two will never have to worry about talking with a high, squeeky voice. You can clean your own catch whenever you want to, providing the mess you make is cleaned up afterwards. If you would like the mate to do the cleaning chores for you, ask him for a price.

Is a mate allowed to fish? Of course he is! But not to the neglect of the paying fisherman. There's nothing wrong with a mate grabbing a rod when the fishing is slow, providing he helps an angler land a fish or perform other services when necessary.

Naturally, a mate is not allowed to enter any boat pools. Nor should his fish go into the same bag as another angler who's in the pool.

Before an angler enters a pool, it's his job to make sure to know what the rules are. Many of the larger open boats now post signs in the cabin listing the rules in black and white for anglers to refer to. If a list of rules aren't posted, ask the mate what the rules are before entering—do not wait until the "scales of justice" are brought out to find out what species are eligible, etc.

It's also important that the angler sees the mates side of things. To give the mates their due, it's a very low paying, seasonable, long-hours, back breaking job. On an open boat, most mates get paid only a nominal fee of $15 to $20 a day. They only get paid on the days the boat actually sails, so their pay for a week can range from $OO when the weather is sour to a big $140 for a seven day, 70 to 80 hour week! The only way to make ends meet is to pick up a stray buck or two from here and there, and this is where the friction may start. The mate will try to catch a few fish to sell at dockside, or even clean fish for a fee. There isn't anything wrong with these practices unless they are done to excess as described in the example letters.

The primary job of the mate is to provide professional knowledge to an inquiring angler. If you don't know how to rig up, or if everyone is bailing fish while you are going fishless, feel free to ask the mate for help—but don't expect him to hook the fish for you! The mate is also expected to keep you supplied with fresh bait, but don't look for him to bait your hooks. Mates should also handle the landing of any fish that require a net or gaff job.

The job of a mate is of a personal service nature, so when the service is good a gratuity is in order—just as it is for a barber, waitress, bartender, etc. Was the mate there to gaff/net that big fish? Did you have to hunt around the boat for a piece of bait? If you are satisfied with the service, tip the mate 2 or 3 dollars for every person in your group. If you are fishing on an open boat for the first time and the mate doesn't know you, it's always a good idea to throw the mate a tip when the fare is collected at the beginning of the day. If you are short in the cash department and want to show the mate a little appreciation, give him any fish you don't really need that he may sell at the dock.

It's also a tradition to give the mate a small percentage of any pool you are lucky enough to win. Depending on the size of the pool, tip the mate 10 to 20 percent. Some boats even make it a practice to deduct a percentage for the mate before the pool monies are doled

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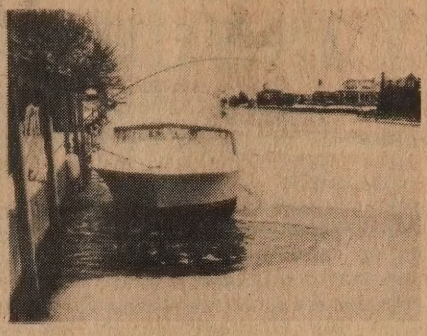

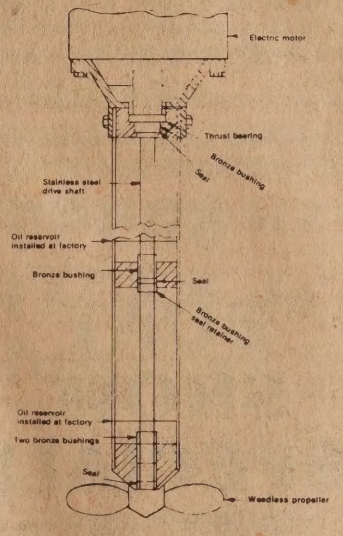

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The Coast Guard reveals that 6738 boats were involved in reportable accidents in 1973. The total damage incurred by these 6738 reportable accidents amounted to a whopping $11,376,000. Aside from property damage, these accidents injured 1599 boatmen and killed another 1754. More than half of these deaths were a direct result of accidents in which it had been proven that the operator of the boat was at fault.

Bad as the statistics are, accidents are by no means the only hazard to the average boatman. Reports reveal that 4706 boats were stolen in the same year of record, 1973. Countless others were lost to explosions, fire and windstorm. Insurance is a necessity to protect your investment in this day and age. The question is, do you have sufficient coverage and the right type of coverage to protect your investment in your own craft and any legal action which may arise from an accident in which you were at fault?

In order to be on the safe side, it is wise to know what your policy does and what it does not cover. In the first place, there are various ways of insuring a boat. Perhaps the simplest way is the coverage which may be provided under a homeowner's or tenant's personal property policy. More comprehensive coverage is usually provided by a policy specifically to cover your boat.

The standard homeowner's or tenant's personal property insurance policy may already provide coverage for your boat, but is unwise in the extreme to assume that it does until your have read it over carefully. If such a policy does provide the coverage we are talking about, the odds are that it will be strictly limited. It may insure the boat for but $500 in physical damage coverage, a mere fraction of the actual value of the craft. Such policies may also contain the clause, "The company shall not be liable for loss of watercraft away from described premises." This means in effect that when you take your boat away from home and put it in the water, you actually have no insurance in effect at all. Of what value is a policy of the type described? It will usually provide coverage for damage by fire, wind or hailstorm while the boat rests on your property, but sometimes with a further limitation; the policy may contain a proviso that such coverage applies only if the boat is kept stored in a closed building.

Many homeowner's policies do not include provision for collision damage to the boat either in the water or while being towed to the water, which I think you'll agree is a severe limitation indeed. Many trusting souls have grandiose and totally erroneous ideas as to what their policies cover, and only find out the limitations the hard way, after a loss has occured—read your policy.

The liability coverage provided with the standard homeowner's policy is likewise strictly limited; in all likelihood it will only cover you if your outboard is of 25 h.p. or less. When you determine that your homeowner's policy provides inadequate coverage in its standard form, you may add a special watercraft endorsement to the policy for an additional premium. This is the route that many small boatowners go and there is nothing wrong with this provided you ascertain that the endorsement does in fact provide all the coverage you deem necessary, both in physical damage and liability. You may find however, that the additional premium charged for an endorsement of the aforementioned type brings the cost up to that charged for separate marine insurance.

The alternate method in boat insurance is that of taking out a separate

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SOLUNAR TABLES— *Use 'Em...They Work!*

by Stu Miller

Though the whole concept sounds as though it were invented by Jonathon Winters or Bob Newhart as a comedy sketch, it is a fact that the gravitational influence of the sun and the moon determines when fish will feed and be most active.

Fishermen who make sure that they are actively fishing during a major or a minor Solunar Period, will catch more fish than at any other time.

John Alden Knight's Solunar Tables are based upon the "moon up-moon down" concept, and having been used in actual practice since 1926, the Solunar Tables have stood the test of time, being scientifically validated and used successfully by fishermen for over four decades. Almost 200 newspapers and magazines across the nation, (The Long Island Fisherman included), print Knight's Solunar Tables, which is further testimony of their effectiveness.

John Alden Knight's first knowledge of what is now called the Solunar theory was acquired quite by accident. It was during a burning hot day while largemouth bass fishing on Lake Helenblazes in Florida with guide Bob Wall, back in the 1920's. Action had been nil all morning. But Wall predicted to a sulking and discouraged Knight that action would be fast and furious all mid-day. To knight's great surprise the prediction came true, with big fish and a lot of them, much to his amazement.

Wall related that his "granpappy" had been a market hunter and fisherman when Bob was a youngster and he'd taught Bob all that he knew about hunting and fishing. Among other things, the old man had told him that the best time to fish or to hunt was when the moon is directly overhead or directly underfoot.

In those days, it was common procedure for those who fished and hunted for a living to plan their trips afield according to daily moon positions.

The story as related by Wall and the accurately predicted fresh water bass blitz that day, put John Knight on a lifelong path of researching what he named The Solunar Theory, which he summed up as:

"Other conditions not being unfavorable, fish will feed, animals will move about, birds will sing and fly from place to place, in fact, all living things will become more active, more alive, during Solunar Periods than at other times of apparent equal value."

Knight checked, for the next few years, Wall's "moon up-moon down" theory. At times it was accurate, at times it was off.

After carefully evaluating over 30 variables that could have caused varience in the feeding periods, he ended up with three that demanded close scrutiny and analysis. These three were "sun", "moon" and "tides". As the sun's and moon's gravitational pull caused the tides, Knight launched into a precise, detailed study, analysis and compilation of tides, mainly at the New York office of the United States Coast and Goedetic Survey. Using Sandy Hook as the area most likely to represent the true Atlantic tidal schedule (unhampered by bars, obstructions, etc.) and using low tide as optimum feeding time in that type of water, Knight constructed an improved Solunar schedule, and modified it just a bit so that he could test it on his inland stream fishing in New York State and Eastern Pennsylvania. It now turned out to be more accurate than Bob Wall's schedule had been. There followed more and more seasons of fishing, fresh and salt water, of observation and record keeping. Now, in addition to the two major feeding periods, that lasted from one and a half to three hours duration, Knight discovered through observation that there were also "intermediate" feeding periods that occured midway between the Major feeding periods. These "Minor" feeding periods would last a shorter time, about a half hour to three-quarters of an hour in duration. These minor periods came at the same time as the Sandy Hook high tide. The major periods came at the Sandy Hook low water mark.

Things were now settling into place, and this was about the time his theory received the name SOLUNAR, as the tides were caused by the sun (solar) and the moon (lunar). Knight's discoveries were put in the form of articles for Field and Stream and Outdoor Life and thus, the countries fishermen and hunters were first introduced to the Solunar Theory. At this point, John Knight began, by popular demand, selling the Solunar Tables through the ma charging fifty cents for a years table Money rolled in. He lectured to fishi and hunting clubs. Then, the crash 1929 along with failing health so forced him out of a steady job in the re estate department of a large New Yo Bank, and into the Solunar Tab business on a full time basis. His stror right hand was Mrs. Knight, his wif who did all the paperwork and handle the piles of correspondence.

Additional research and questionin allowed Knight to further determin that in diverse "hot fishing areas" suc as Montauk, Moriches Bay, Fire Islan Inlet, Tom's River, Beach Haven (thes last two in New Jersey), the TIME of th arrival of the differing most productiv stage of the tides at these various spot was the SAME, further confirming th Solunar Theory.

Although he could observe WHA was happening, John Knight was sti unable to explain WHY the sun, moo and tides worked their magic. Th question still remains unanswered, eve until today. The tables, by this tim functioned satisfactorily enough to giv an angler his money's worth. Knigh made more lecture tours, gave fishin classes at high schools, colleges an adult education classes and wrot several fishing books, all the whil spreading the word of the effectiveness of the Solunar Tables.

The average Solunar period (majo feeding period) is about two hours ir duration. Offsetting conditions, such as temperature, winds, barometric readings, etc. all have their effects upon the timing of the schedule. On an ideal day, the fish may respond early and continue late, with the major feeding period lasting up to three and a half hours. With unfavorable conditions, the major period may last only twenty minutes to a half hour, and be limited to flurries of action. Knight is the first to tell us the tables are variable and can not be pinned down to the exact minutes or intervals. Even so, ever since they have been pinpointed, the Solunar Tables have never been more than an hour or so off. Fishermen who have used and today use the tables, find them an excellent guide to the best fishing of the coming day or night. The Minor feeding periods work as well, but

for a shorter length of time, about 30-45 minutes.

Again, as to why the periods occur, Knight refers us back to the juxta-position of the moon and sun, in relation to the crazy ball which we call "Earth". It WORKS and thats all we really need know.

A phenomenon Knight uncovers may help to explain why we saltwater fishermen at times are driven nuts by fish that will not take the plug or a bait, even though we know the fish are there. He explains that if a Solunar Period has come and gone just prior to the fisherman doing his thing, the fish will just refuse to take the offering, since he's already just fed to capacity. This was observed over and over again on fresh water species, and there's no reason why saltwater fish should not react in the same way. Haven't YOU refused more food once your belly was full???

More years of careful observation by Knight confirmed and re-confirmed his theory. He finds that fish feed more and with less caution during the Solunar periods, and that surface lures become more effective for game fish as they lose their caution and rise to feed at the surface. Many coastal commercial fish-eries have employed the tables and have made better catches. Also, many party boat captains from Long Island to Florida find that they get better results and their fares get better fishing if each day is planned according to the Solunar Tables. By being ON THE FISHING GROUNDS during the Solunar periods and actively fishing during these periods, (not moving from spot to spot or eating lunch), the best opportunity for full bags is afforded each man, but, naturally, in relation to his fishing skills.

We're all aware of what a tremendous aid sea-gulls are in helping to find schools of feeding fish. Knight puts the question to us as to just HOW do the gulls happen to know when the schools will be active in water up to several miles offshore.

Anyone who has spent time around boats, docks or beaches knows the familiar sight of flocks of gulls sitting on pilings, rocks, in the sand or walking around, just goofing off or dozing, evidently without food anywhere on their minds. Some day, watch a group of resting gulls when a Solunar period is about to arrive. For no apparent reason, the gulls will take off in small groups and head for the open sea. Almost before you realize it, the shore where hordes of gulls had been just moments before, will be completely deserted. This same Solunar force somehow tells the gulls that the feeding period has arrived and so, up they go to search the tops of the seas for food, while at the same time, the predatory species will be slashing through the schools of bunker, herring, mullet, etc. offshore. The baitfish THEMSELVES were also under the Solunar influence in a search for food until the onslaught begins; then escape is the stronger influence. Thus, our friends, the gulls get their food by cleaning up the bits and pieces of fish left drifting on the surface, while they follow the daily, timed slaughter. Another example of wonderous nature at work.

We still, even today, don't know exactly why and how the Solunar periods operate and of precisely what it is composed. We DO know that the feeding/activity cycles exist and are followed to a greater or lesser degree, by all living things...and that these cycles are timed to the same rhythm as the moon, and that is very probably linked somehow with terrestrial or atmospheric magnetism, or both.

Be as it may, you WILL increase your catches of fish by heeding the Solunar tables published in The Long Island Fisherman each week. Again, they do not guarantee you'll catch fish, but indicates the times that your chances will be best—when you should be out there FISHING—when the fish are restless and on the feed and a little more careless

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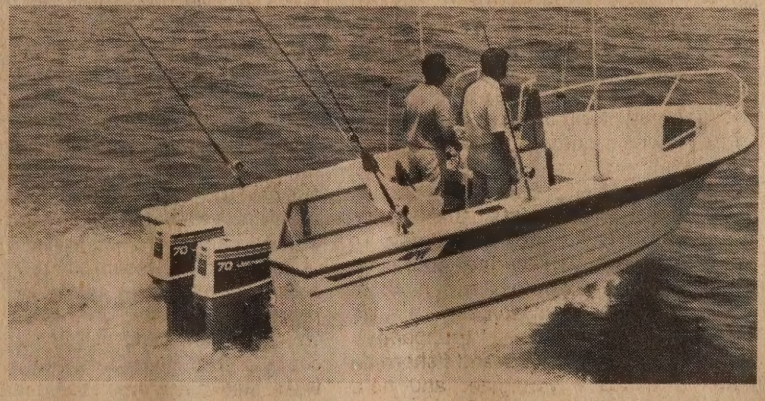

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#2 WHITE MARLIN
George Guidish, Jr. of Center Moriches nailed this 117 lb. beauty on August 17th, 1975 just 35 miles south of Moriches Inlet on 50 lb. test line and a whole mackerel on the boat "Scorpio." George is a member of Moriches Anglers. Agent—B & B Tackle, Center Moriches. George will receive $250 towards his $500 mount.

#3 WHITE MARLIN
Pelton Geter Jr. of Islip bagged this 103 lb. fish on August 25th, '75, at Montauk using a mackerel aboard "Ebb Tide I". It took 30 minutes to boat this fish. Agent—Cove Marina, Montauk. Pelton will receive $190 towards his $500 mount.

#1 MAKO SHARK
Al Ristori of Garcia Corp. took this 405 lb. mako shark at the Butterfish Hole using Mitchell 624 reel and 30 lb. test Royal Bonnyl #2. This shark was taken on bunker fillet on Al's Mako and took 1¾ hours to land. Agent—Cove Marina, Montauk. Al Will receive a free $500 head mount.

#2 MAKO SHARK
12 year old Don Merton of Huntington bagged this 404 lb. monster off Montauk in August '75 using 50 lb. test and a whole mackerel. This shark was taken in 40 minutes on the "Valient Lady II." Agent—Cove Marina, Montauk. Don will receive $250 towards a $500 mount.

#3 MAKO SHARK
Ken Bachmann of Glendale nailed this 355 lb. giant on June 10th, 1975 south of the HA buoy on a whole bluefish which took him 4½ hours to land. Agent—Mako Marina, Freeport. Ken will receive $190 towards a $500 mount.

#1 STRIPED BASS
Honors go to Scott Gregory of Massapequa for this 55½ lb. bass, 52 inches in length which was taken October 28th, '75 in Sloop *Channel* between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges on live bunker from a private boat. Scott will receive a free mount valued at $200.

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Frank Figuero of Merrick Marine Supplies in Bellmore, nailed this 52 pound 8 ounce, 51 inch long striper on June 6th, '75 off the black banks in Wantagh in a private boat using a live eel. It took 20 minutes to land on 25 lb. test and was Frank's first 50 lb. fish after 20 years of trying. This fish held first place until 2 days prior to this contest ending. Agent—Merrick Marine, Bellmore. Frank will receive $100 towards his $200 mount.

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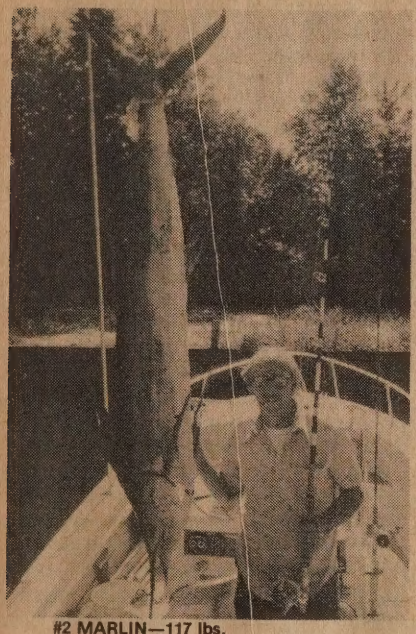

#2 MARLIN—117 lbs.
George Guildish Jr.
Agent: B & B Tackle Center

#2 MAKO SHARK—404 lbs.
Don Merton
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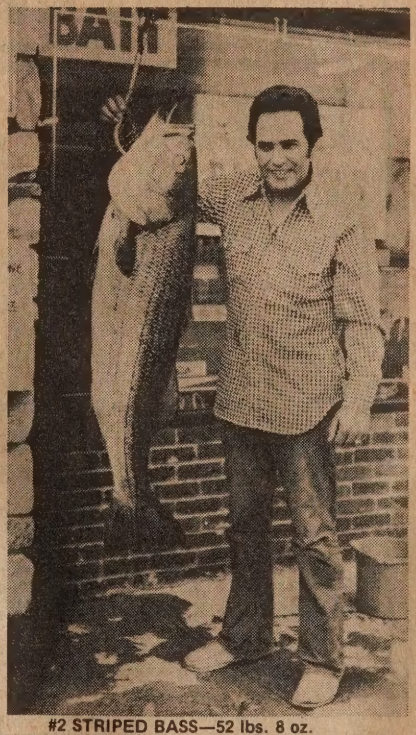

#2 STRIPED BASS—52 lbs. 8 oz.
Frank Figuero
Agent: Merrick Marine

#3 MARLIN—103 lbs.
Pelton Geter Jr.
Agent: Cove Marina

#3 MAKO SHARK—355 lbs.
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Agent: Mako Marina

#3 STRIPED BASS—52 lbs. 1 oz.
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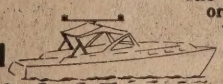

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SOLUNAR TABLES

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than usual.

Most anglers in our region are aware that as a safe rule, that two hours on both sides of the top of the tide should be fished, so as to afford the best opportunity of connecting with feeding fish Knight tells us, however, that the most successful fishing is always seen during a Solunar period when it corresponds to LOW TIDE. And if you plan to wet a line at dawn or dusk, normally the prime fishing times, and a major or minor feeding period falls at these times and even better yet—if you've got low water...you are likely to encounter a blitz you'll never forget.

* The four daily feeding periods also throws light on seemingly "unpredictable" feeding habits and patterns of the fish we go after...A striper or bluefish blitz at mid-day on an oddball stage of the tide...Flounder and fluke are bailed for a period of time, and then all action suddenly halts, later to suddenly start red-hot again. My "Granpappy" always told me "Things Don't Just Happen; There's a REASON for everything." Ol' Granpa was right on.

The fellows who do a lot of night fishing have always said that their best catches have been made during the dark of the moon, and the darker, the better. Part of John Knight's theory was that the "dark side of the moon" nights, (when there is no moon at all) through the first quarter moon—called the waxing of the moon—saw the greatest fish activity.

In order to evaluate the Solunar Tables even further, let me request a favor of you, reading your way through this piece. Check your fishing results against the tables. Either plan your fishing time by the tables, or just fish whenever you're able and see whether or not there was a noticeable increase in fishing action during the major or minor feeding periods. Then, please let me know what results YOU come up with.

It must be kept in mind that even if the tables are 100 percent on the button, a man's fishing knowledge, techniques employed and fishing skill, will, when all is said and done, determine whether he connects. The tables are an extremely valuable guide, but YOU still have to catch the fish.

INSURANCE
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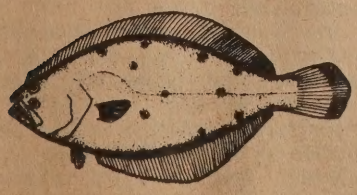
marine-insurance policy. These policies come in a wide variety of types and may vary significantly from company to company, even within the various types. Larger boats generally are insured under what is known as a yacht policy; smaller craft under what is referred to as an outboard policy, but the dividing line between large and small craft varies with the different underwriters. One definition of a craft to be insured under the "outboard" type policy, would be a boat under 26 feet long with an engine of under 50 h.p. Other companies write "outboard" policies for boats with considerably larger engines, while still others include all craft powered by outboard motors in this designation.

The basic difference between outboard and yacht policies is the outboard policy is usually what is known as an "actual cash value policy". The meaning of this is that you will receive only the present fair market value for your rig if it should become a total loss. Yacht policies conversely, yield the full amount for which the policy is written in the event of a similar total loss; they are referred to as "valued" policies.

Some outboard policies cover so-called "named perils" and provide physical damage insurance against any hazard listed in the body of the policy itself, but against nothing else. The named-peril policy may sound pretty comprehensive to the unitiated, covering such hazards, common and uncommon as sinking, burning, stranding, collision, hurricane, in fact all manner of nasty occurences, but buyer beware; there is always the 1000 to one shot of some far-out happening causing the damage and if that particular unlikely event should cause your loss and it is not specifically named in the policy, you may as well have had no insurance whatsoever. Named risk policies are sometimes a poor gamble as the unpredictable can occur all too frequently afloat, leaving you out in the cold; there are just too many things which can happen to your boat and this type of policy just does not visualize all of them.



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SNEAKRETS

by Fred Schwab

Part II

As explained in the previous installment, the word **SNEAKRETS** was "dreamed" up. It's meaning combines that of the words, "sneak" and "secret". With that said we'll get down to business.

Some of the most amusing and often incredible stories told along the beaches or wherever anglers may happen to gather, concern the **SNEAKRETIVE** efforts of those who specialize in fishing for old linesides. As incredible as some may seem, most and perhaps all have a basis of fact.

One of my favorite's, which I know is true, concerns an incident which ocurred at the conclusion of roughly three seasons of some of the finest fishing ever enjoyed by members of the surf fishing High Hill Striper Club. To fully appreciate and understand the actions on that June day in 1964, one needs to know the events leading up to it.

During 1960 and 1961, High Hill members along with other anglers, frequently fished Fire Island Inlet's newly constructed Sore Thumb. (There were comparatively few access problems to reaching this Federally Funded structure, which is today, in effect, a private fishing grounds for Babylon Town residents.)

At that time a sand fill projected several hundred yards out, from the southeasterly side of the present day Thumb and plugging for bluefish was fairly good from there. Due to the ever present east to west movement of sand along the south shore and the non-interference of man, the westerly tip of Democrat Point extended well beyond the Fire island Jetty; ending almost due south or slightly beyond the Thumb. What's more there was no channel or cut separating the point from the huge sandbar which to this day, still exists west of Democrat.

From the Thumb, one couldn't help but notice that long and rather massive finger of sand, and the seemingly ever present clouds of gulls and terns which hovered over the adjacent water. The lads at the Thumb concluded that such a gathering of birds indicated great fishing potential. The bridge to Fire island was still in the future and the deep, swift waters of the inlet were an effective barrier to the beach bound fraternity.

During August of 1961, three enterprising High Hill members rented a skiff from the, long since gone, Oak Beach Fishing Station. I failed to record, in my log, the catch by these pioneers, but it was impressive. More exciting though, were the descriptions of vast schools of voracious bluefish, an abundance of bait, broken tackle and lost plugs, rips, holes coves, and numerous sandbars covered with "white water" and easily accessible to those not satisfied with standing at water's edge; and finally, there was a scarity of other fishermen.

The men of High Hill made several more trips across the treacherous inlet water's that fall, and were seldom disappointed. During the following winter, plans to fish Democrat and theoretical discussion as to why the fish were there in such numbers, occupied much of our time.

During the following two years, from June through September very few Friday or Saturday evenings went by without some High Hill surfmen journeying to that vast sandbar for a full night of fishing and comradery. The skiffs at the Oak Beach Fishing Station were our prime source of transportation when someone who was going had an outboard motor or could borrow one. For those trips when no motor could be obtained or more were going than the "outboard" equipped skiffs could accomodate; and after the Fishing Station went out of business, we had located a dependable young lad who lived in Oak Beach. He had a small Boston Whaler and for a slight fee would taxi us over in the evening and pick us up at a pre-set time, the following morning.

Those trips in a light skiff, were in themselves adventurous and often downright "hairy". More often than not we were probably overloaded, what with 3 to 5 fishermen, waders, tote jackets, plug bags, food, bait, utility belts, surf sticks, and miscellaneous items. An added burden on return trips would be those fish kept. We had to contend with fog, wind, thunder squalls, the wakes of larger craft, tricky currents and our own occasional carelessness due to impatience going over, and fatigue on the way back.

Usually other anglers who had journeyed by buggy from the Fire Island communities, or by boat from Oak Beach, would be present, but as darkness approached they would leave. From the outset we discovered that this was a mistake. These fellows rarely used bait and from mid-June through late August, day or night, few bass were taken on artificials, therefore the Point was not regarded as a particularly good striper spot. What's more, during the same period, plugging for blue's was not very consistent at night.

However, once the last hint of daylight was gone it was a totally different story....If one rigged for bottom fishing. Not just any bait would do, it had to be a sandworm. We tried squid, bloodworms, cut bait, skimmers and even shedder crab. The place could be crawling with all sorts of bait or none at all, yet only the lowly sandworm would produce. What's more, it was not unusual to be "bitten-off" or land several bluefish during the course of an evening, while using worms.

One night, four of us beached 81 bass and blues, and my log shows that on at least three other nights we exceeded 60 fish. One morning, following an excellent night of fishing, a school of bonita provided us with one of the wildest, most hilarious, and physically exhausting sessions that could be imagined. For what seemed like an hour, this school of speedsters chased the bait back and forth for a distance of a few hundred yards along the outer edge of a sandbar.

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It almost seemed as if they were teasing us, we'd plod through waist deep water for several hundred feet and at about the time that we caught up with them, off they'd go, back to the spot we'd just left. Even the gulls had a hard time keeping pace with them. After awhile we became so exhausted that attempts to jump with, or clear a breaking wave were abandoned, since it took far less energy just to wallow into the wave. We were wet and tired but thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Oh how we laughed when one of our group tried to gaff a fish for his son, around and around in circles they went, so much that it became unclear as to who was doing the chasing.

We did manage to take about a half dozen and due to their quick strike and almost unbelievable speed, probably dropped twice that many. For surfmen used to bass and bluefish, these miniature torpedoes are something else.

When the bass were in thick, it was not unusual to find a fish mouthing or running off with the bait the moment the line was placed on the roller. In late spring, early June and during September there were nights when plug fishing was equally as good. As noted in a log entry in July, 1962; "Democrat is a surfman's dream"; and in a later entry, "this place is fantastic." Those notations were certainly not an exaggeration, especially when one considers that the best fishing ocurred during the summer doldrums.

To those who may be wondering; NO, we did not keep every fish that was caught. Though few shorts were taken, most being in the 4 to 8 pound class, more were released than kept.

From the outset, we agreed that the news of this find would remain within the club and every effort was made to do just that. We had too much to lose. While the big sandbar could easily accomodate several hundred anglers, only a handful could plug the rip simultaneously and the very best bottom fishing was normally confined to a relatively small area. As surf anglers we were comparative equals in ability and familiar with one anothers angling habits, thus, our fishing efforts were marked with cooperation and devoid of arguments. Another, perhaps equally important factor, was fellowship. Usually at some hour during the night, someone would start a fire and during the non-productive stage of the tide we'd huddle around for warmth, and I suspect subconsciously, for the feeling of security, which a person seems to obtain from a fire when outdoors, at night, in a quiet, shelterless, dark place. We'd share food, swap stories and fill the air with laughter. Those were indeed, good times; meaningful and fulfilling experiences which the passage of time cannot

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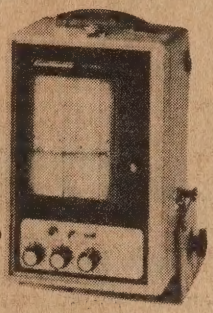

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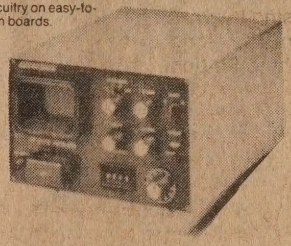

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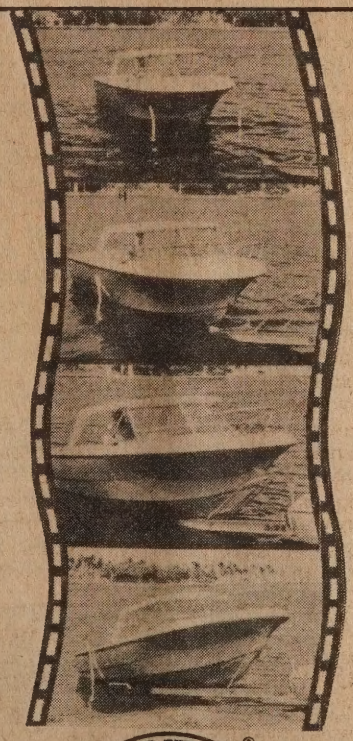

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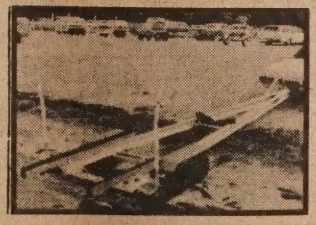

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On more than one morning, while waiting to be picked up or when in the process of loading the skiff, our catch would be hastily hidden from the view of a passing boat, and we always took care least some lad on the Sore Thumb had binoculars trained on us. On returning to Oak Beach, the catch was promptly loaded into our vehicles and when spotted, any inquiry would receive a very general response.

One night the unusual happened, a beach buggy remained at the point after dark and when a coleman lamp and sand spikes were placed on the beach, we knew that we had a problem. The tide was perfect, but those lads had settled down within several hundred feet of the spot where we'd been taking most of our fish. After about a half-hour of waiting, in the hope that they'd leave, we threw caution to the wind and baited up. Within minutes we began taking bass, which were released or placed well out of sight. For awhile things went smoothly, then it happened, one of our guys, Adam, latched into a fish that had muscle, and wouldn't you know, that was the moment in which one of those fellows decided to stroll down the beach for a visit.

Down towards the point, away from the approaching stranger, went Adam along with two or three of us milling around in the wash with gaff's poised in the hope of getting a shot at the fish before it was beached. The rest of our group met the visitor before he reached the combat scene, and as an inducement to stay put offered him plenty of conversation and a slug of scotch (always brought along for medicinal purposes, of course). Meanwhile, Adam, the fish and the little band of followers moved further down the beach and were out of sight when the fish....a good sized stingray, was beached. But we had achieved our objectives, the visitor wasn't aware of what was going on, saw no bass, and as he and his friends had caught nothing, they soon departed.

We began our fishing at Democrat earlier in 1964 for we knew that the end was near. Construction of the Robert Moses Bridge was all but complete and that big sandbar which had been so good to us, was scheduled for removal. Oh how we hated that damned bridge and the huge dredge which would soon be gnawing away at the Point.

During my third trip across, on a hunch, I tried a darter in the rip on the bay side of the Point and was pleasantly surprised. It was the morning of June 13th, the afternoon of which the Bridge would be opened to traffic. Assuming that, that night would be the last in which we'd have the point to ourselves and that the fish might again be in the rip, I went back that evening, crossing over with two fellow club members who were scheduled to go that night. As the right tide for the rip occurred several hours after dark we brought worms to occupy our time while waiting. Shortly before dark the first angler, to make the long trek to the Point, passed by. A moment later, one of us took a schoolie, but before it could be released the fellow started back. An orange crate, conveniently left by the tide, was placed over the fish. Upon reaching us, his inquiry as to whether we'd had any luck, was met with a very long and uncomfortable silence. Finally, and almost in unison, we mumbled something to the effect that we'd had none. At that moment the crate, which was but inches from where he stood, began emitting a thumping sound and proceeded to perform a Mexican Jumping Bean act. Not another word was spoken, but as he turned to leave the expression on his face clearly illustrated his thoughts. Later on, alone at the Rip, the three of us blitzed the bass, over twenty fish from 6 to 12 pounds, and a fair number which were dropped.

Shortly after dawn, while waiting for the skiff to take us back, we spotted three pilgrims by the jetty, and heading our way. In short order the fish were covered with sand and we raced back to the Rip, to erase the telltale marks left when our catch had been dragged along the beach.

The following weekend saw even more angler's walking to the Point, but after they had left, the Rip produced another memorable night of fishing, which was to be the last. The dredging operation had already altered the shape of that huge sandbar and changes in the current were noticeable. This apparently changed the feeding and movement patterns of the fish.

In time, the ocean broke through to the trench created by the dredge, and the Democrat Point that we had known, was no longer linked to Fire island. Eventually the dredge departed, leaving the new Inlet's currents to complete the job of nibbling away at what amounted to a sizeable island of sand. Though continually decreasing in size, the island remained through the summer of 1965 and we made a few successful trips to it. Some of us continued to fish the Point, walking, and in more recent years, driving our buggies down, but the solitude is gone and the fishing but a shadow of what it once was.

A sandbar, only visible on the lowest of tides, remains to this day, roughly a ½ to ¾ of a mile west of the jetty. Occasional dredging operations see to it that a linkup with Fire Island does not reoccur.

The last installment will be a final attempt at convincing those critical of such practices, that they are necessary.

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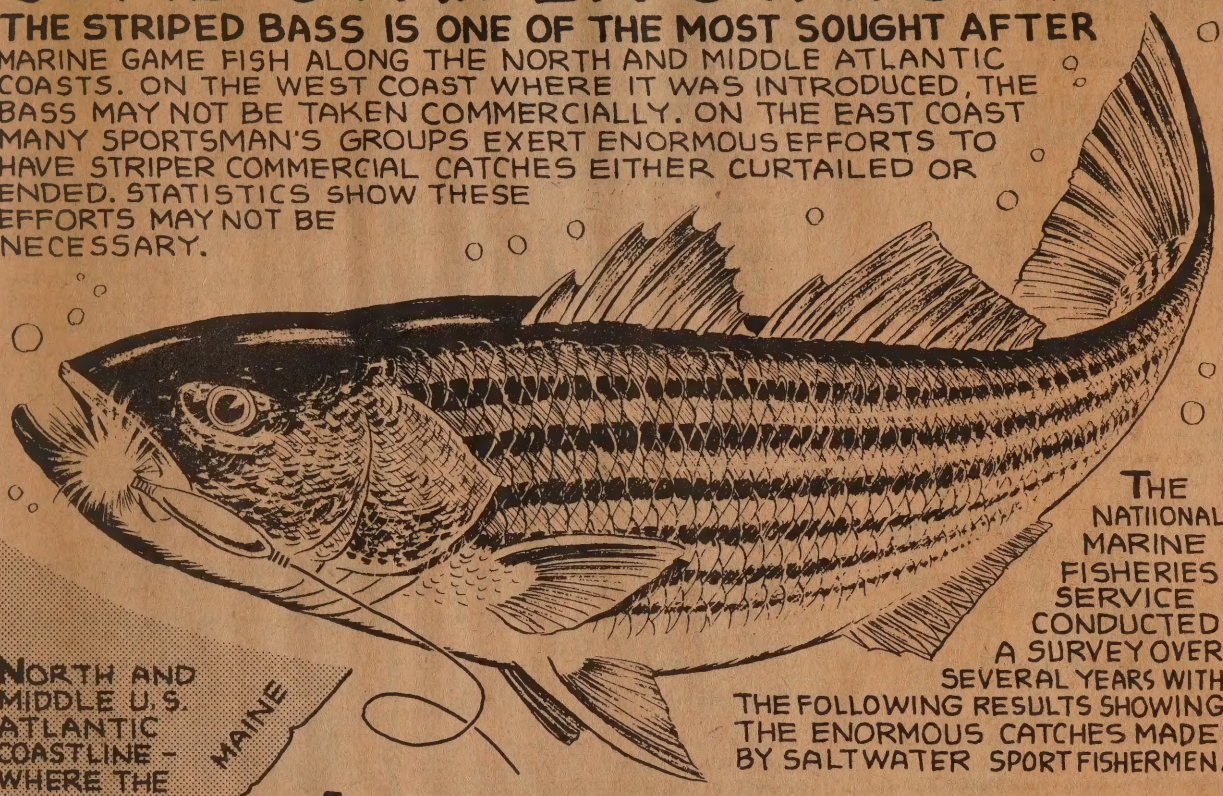

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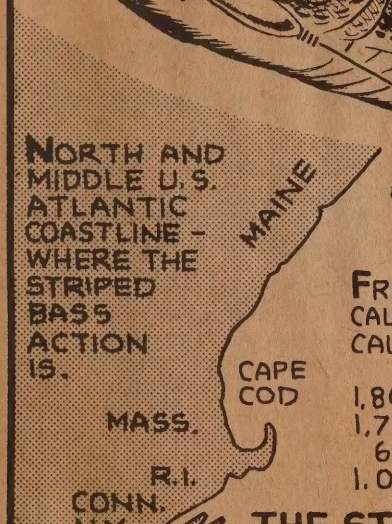

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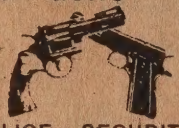

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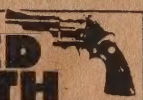

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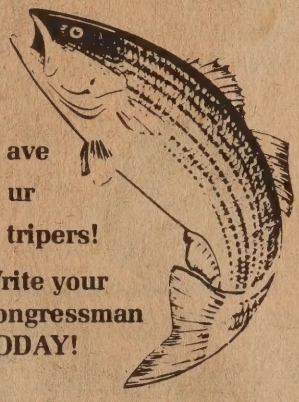

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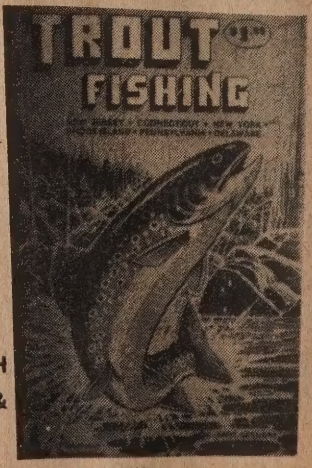

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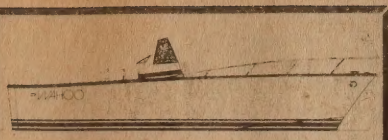

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Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported very very good cod fishing in the Block Island area. Over the weekend over 400 cod were taken up to 38 pounds. The fish were nice average of 12 to 18 pounds each and a few big blackfish and pollack are mixed in the catch. Paul also noted that the ride to the fishing grounds is only one to one and a half hours long.

Captain Lester Beehan of the **Peconic Queen III** told us that the fishing has been good when the weather has been good. The recent high winds has kicked up the water considerably and will take a few days of low winds for the bottom to settle down a bit. Fishing has been good never the less so there must be plenty of cod in the area. It was a good pick Sunday in the Block Island Grounds. Teddy Wern of Rosedale won the pool two days in a row, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday he took the $142 pool with a 38 pound cod. Don Baldwin of Astoria took 5 codfish.

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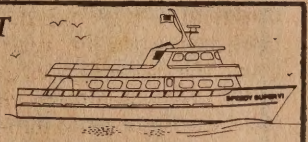

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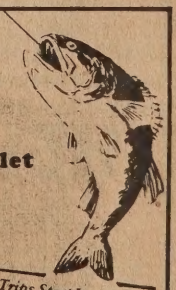

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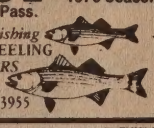

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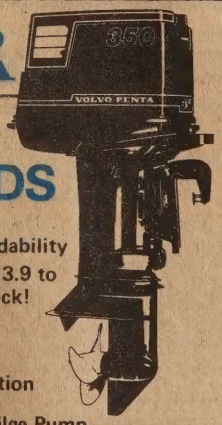

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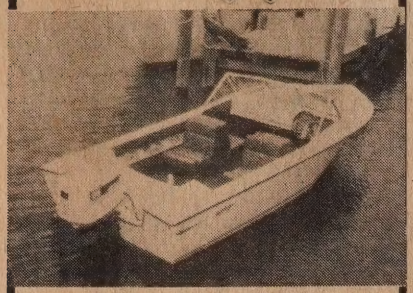

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Capt. Tony Barbato of the **Big Mohawk II** says his boat will now concentrate on fishing for whiting.

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The **Helen H** is another of the fine Sheepshead Bay boats to go over to whiting fishing exclusively this season. Capt. Huck said there were plenty of jumbo whiting all week long at the Ambrose Tower and the BA buoy. Catches were from 50 to 150 per man.

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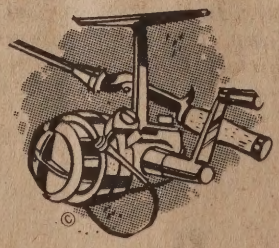

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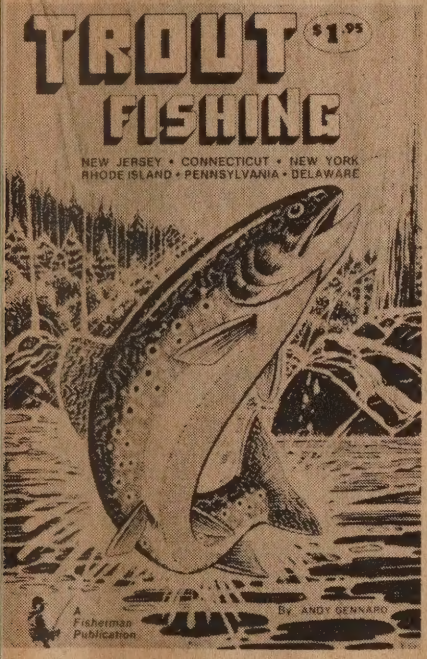

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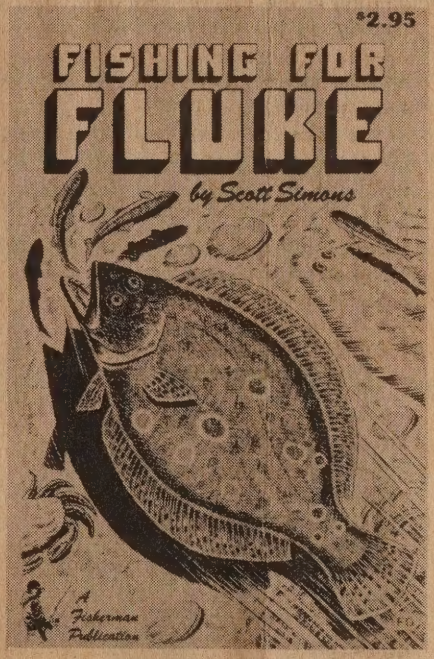

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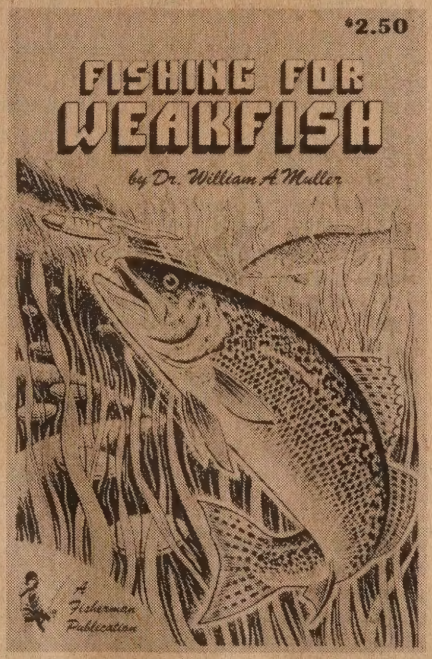

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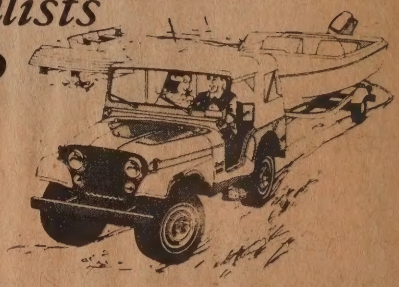

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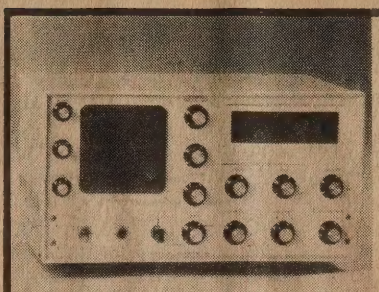
Moving the date, Mr. Haxall said, should not affect attendance at the show, which was at record levels last year, and might even improve attendance since the New York State Bicentennial Barge will visit Clayton August 10th and August 11th. Therefore, many of those coming to Clayton for the Antique Boat Show might well wish to stay over to see the Bicentennial Barge, whose stops along the St. Lawrence River will be limited to Clayton and Ogdensburg.



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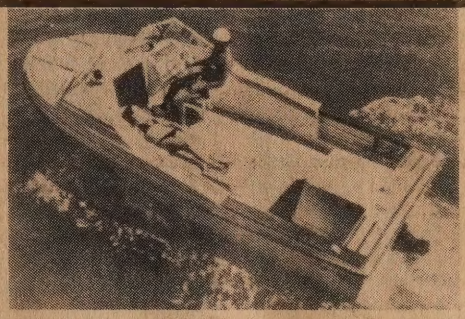

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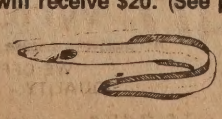

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ON → / DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM
2/12 THURSDAY	4:48	5:20	6:21	6:54	8:01	8:43	8:21	8:52
2/13 FRIDAY	5:40	6:11	7:08	7:39	8:58	9:35	9:11	9:39
2/14 SATURDAY	6:30	6:58	7:55	8:22	9:48	10:20	9:59	10:25
2/15 SUNDAY	7:17	7:44	8:41	9:09	10:38	11:06	10:47	11:10
2/16 MONDAY	8:02	8:30	9:28	9:56	11:24	11:50	11:33	11:56
2/17 TUESDAY	8:48	9:18	10:17	10:45	:	12:12	:	12:20
2/18 WEDNESDAY	9:38	10:10	11:07	11:36	12:37	1:00	12:44	1:08
2/19 THURSDAY	10:29	11:03	:	12:03	1:27	1:51	1:32	1:59

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

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Connecticut River	+1 10
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Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet −0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". − 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
2/12	1:15	7:55	1:45	8:20
2/13	2:05	8:45	2:35	9:15
2/14	2:55	9:30	3:30	10:05
2/15	3:40	10:25	4:20	10:55
2/16	4:35	11:25	5:10	11:50
2/17	5:35	:	6:05	12:25
2/18	6:40	12:55	7:05	1:20
2/19	7:35	1:55	8:05	2:20

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